

dues, twenty-four members during the year, leaving a net gain of sixteen members.

During the year our Council was honored by a visit from Dr. Olin West, Secretary of the American Medical Association, and a special luncheon meeting was held for Doctor Leland, Director of the Bureau of Economics of the American Medical Association.

Progress can be reported in the development of our Hospital Insurance plan. The project is now fifteen months old, and during that period has shown a uniform and highly satisfactory growth in the number of policyholders and in more perfect understanding of the underlying problems by those entrusted with its management. One important feature has been the opening of the plan to members of the families of the present policyholders, on a financial basis which makes it highly attractive. The premium of the original policyholders is ninety cents, that of the spouse eighty cents, and each dependent child forty cents. This is a long step toward making the plan popular and a satisfactory solution of the problem of the general public in paying hospital costs. The plan is operating in four counties, and has added to its personnel an advisory committee of outstanding lay citizens from each of the four counties. The enthusiasm of this group is most encouraging to all interested in the success of the project.

Contra Costa County has joined with Alameda County in the Hospital Insurance plan, and is progressing as well as could be expected at this time. The Contra Costa Medical Society's regular meetings are well attended, and there are but few eligible men in the county who are not members of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. Hamlin, *Councilor,*  
*Seventh District.*

#### EIGHTH COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba Counties

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

During the first half of the present term, Dr. C. E. Schoff served as councilor for this district, and during this period he and several of the California Medical Association officials have made visits to many of the local societies. Doctor Schoff reports that all the meetings were well attended, and that the scientific programs were well presented.

The only accomplishment during my short term has been the reestablishment of the Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Association on the approved list of the California Medical Association. The controversial points have been cleared away and perfect understanding now exists.

Respectfully submitted,

F. N. Scatena, *Councilor,*  
*Eighth District.*

#### NINTH COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Trinity Counties

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The hardest part of the year's work is preparing the councilor's annual report, as it is impossible to set forth the amount of work accomplished in the various society visits and the multiplicity of details attended to in such a brief report.

It is gratifying to see the intense interest the members of the county societies now take in the activities of organized medicine, as against the apathy and general spirit of doing nothing that existed when I first began making councilor visits some years ago. Whether this intense interest is due to the present type of editorials in the JOURNAL, the annual Secretaries' Conference, or the present unrest, is hard to analyze, but I believe the annual mid-year Secretaries' Conference is producing results.

During the past year I have attended all Council meetings, visited all of my societies but one, and to the best of my ability promoted the interest of organized medicine in this district.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry S. Rogers, *Councilor,*  
*Ninth District.*

### III

#### REPORTS OF COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

During the past year we have attended a number of meetings having to do with the activities of the Association.

The Secretaries' meeting was well attended, and I was impressed with the interest which members of the profession, from one end of the State to the other, are taking in matters pertaining not only to scientific medicine, but to economic phases of the practice of medicine. This increased cooperation on the part of many physicians who formerly took only a casual interest in the work of organized medicine, should be reassuring to all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Kiger, *Councilor-at-Large.*

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

All of the meetings of the Council have been attended, and an attempt has been made to acquaint the local society with what is going on throughout the State.

Respectfully submitted,

C. O. Tanner, *Councilor-at-Large.*

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Circumstances beyond control and of professional moment to me prevented my attending the last annual session and the meeting of the Council in January, 1938. All other meetings of the Council recorded my attendance. In official capacity, I have attended numerous conferences and hearings that dealt with activities of the city employees of San Francisco, designed to establish a health service for this group.

I have also attended many meetings of the Advisory Committee to the Hall of Science of the Golden Gate International Exposition.

Considerable time has also been devoted to the work of the Legislative Committee and to matters related to malpractice insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Henshaw Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large.*

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

As councilor-at-large my time has been almost wholly occupied by duties of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation. Talks on legislation and legislative trends have been given, both at home and at the neighboring component societies, in company with Dr. F. C. Warnshuis, as he made his visits to the county groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Junius B. Harris, *Councilor-at-Large.*

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Our president and our secretary and councilors who preside over councilor districts will, without doubt, report of their activities, with inadequate emphasis on the time which they have given to the California Medical Association.

This Councilor would invite the attention of the members of the Association to the extraordinarily full cooperation of all Association officers.

Special meetings have been attended, on short notice, and without complaint.

Committee work has been undertaken and completed with care and precision.

Regular meetings have been fully attended.

The interest, energy, and loyalty of all your officers are commended to your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

M. R. Gibbons, *Councilor-at-Large.*

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

It has been my privilege, during 1937, as a councilor-at-large, to assist in bringing about an agreement between the Board of Directors of the Associated Hospital Service of Southern California and the medical profession, acting

through the Los Angeles County Medical Association, which eliminated the chief difference in policy and procedure that constantly occurs when lay-controlled organizations enter into the rendering of a professional, or semi-professional, service.

In this instance the fine spirit of coöperation on the part of the representatives of the Associated Hospital Service of Southern California brought about the elimination from their contracts and certificates of agreements to render any and all professional services, including laboratory and x-ray procedures. This agreement follows the definition of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association as to what constitutes hospital service and, in my opinion, is the only safe method whereby prepayment of hospital service, where solicitation of the beneficiaries occurs, may be carried on that should receive the approbation and support of the medical profession without the danger of encroachment upon professional privilege by lay corporations.

As your councilor-at-large I have maintained a constant affiliation with other groups in the community in order that I might bring a comprehensive knowledge and viewpoint into the meetings of the Council, to assist in the answering of our continuously changing problems. The immediate future will present problems that concern the medical profession in their relationship to the public that will require a broad and deep understanding of the trend of the times in order that we attempt to adjust our relationship on a basis that will permit us to continue to serve, free from restrictions and interference that would decrease the quality of service that is the motivating ideal of every man in the medical profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry H. Wilson, *Councilor-at-Large*.

#### IV

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

##### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman

Howard Morrow, President.

William W. Roblee, President-elect.

Edward M. Palette, Past President.

Lowell S. Goin, Speaker, House of Delegates.

Morton R. Gibbons, Chairman of the Council.

Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman, Auditing Committee.

Charles A. Dukes, Chairman, Committee on Public Relations.

Frederick C. Warnshuis, Secretary-Treasurer.

George H. Kress, Editor.

##### *To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Executive Committee of the Council has met monthly during months for which Council meetings were not scheduled.

The Executive Committee concerns itself with Association policies and work and indicates action as questions arise concerning the Association's interests. Nine officers and councilors contribute their time and judgment in establishing supervision of Association matters.

Thus, questions and representations are promptly considered, eliminating delay and expediting prompt action to the advantages of all members.

Digests of its meetings are published, and at each Council meeting action is taken to cause the minutes to become part of the Council's record.

The Executive Committee diligently seeks to discharge its duties, and account for its stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl L. Schaupp, *Chairman*.

##### AUDITING COMMITTEE

##### Executive Group

Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman

O. D. Hamlin

T. Henshaw Kelly

##### *To the President and the House of Delegates:*

In compliance with the provisions of the by-laws, we shall submit a draft of the 1938-1939 budget at the opening session of the House of Delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl L. Schaupp, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES AND TECHNICAL GROUPS

##### Executive Group

John V. Barrow, Chairman, 1940

Edwin L. Bruck, 1938

W. H. Geistweit, 1939

##### *To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The work of the committee has been done chiefly by correspondence. Each member has been asked to render a report to be incorporated in the committee report. The dentists, the druggists, and certain officers of the Bar Association, together with an important insurance company, have all been contacted regarding a campaign for the listing of voters.

The plan involves the listing and classification of the physicians of the State Medical Association. These groups will contain from ten to thirty, as convenience dictates. A leader, responsible to the County Association, will have direct telephone contact with each member. Each physician will be requested to furnish names and addresses of his patients who, by virtue of their confidence in him, will support the legislative measures that our State Association recommends. This method alone will yield better than 500,000 votes. The Woman's Auxiliary has signified its willingness to make these listings through our county medical associations. This entails an enormous amount of work, which they are capable and happy to do.

Not many letters need to be mailed, but the one final request direct to the voter must be signed by the physician himself. Whether these letters are mailed through the county medical associations, or the State Medical Association office, or the League of Public Health, is for the determination of the Council. We particularly request the approval of the Council for the Auxiliary coöperation in this matter. The same organization can be accomplished in the allied organizations without forming any legal tie-up.

Doctor Geistweit of San Diego has done much work with the local pathologists and other physicians in the matter of the new law licensing laboratory workers. He recommends a more careful and thorough study of this situation than has been given heretofore. He has also done some work in the line of his convictions that there should be a much stronger law licensing nurses, in which matter he recommends that that subject be studied by our committee.

Locally, and in matters of the State, we have coöperated with the Auxiliary with the greatest pleasure and our best ability.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Barrow, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

##### Executive Group

Fred B. Clarke, Chairman, 1938

W. R. P. Clark, 1939

Benjamin W. Black, 1940

##### *To the President and the House of Delegates:*

It is quite apparent to the members of this particular Standing Committee that progress in the field of public health education is dependent upon persistent persistency. Your committee is also of the opinion that visualization of a subject or health fact is the most effective means of educating the public upon health matters.

Your committee has, through the offices of the State Secretary, pursued such a course during the past year. Several series of from three to six public lectures have been arranged for Y. W. C. A. groups, Women's Clubs, and High Schools. Gratifying expressions of appreciation have been received in return.

Some twenty-two lectures have been arranged for other lay groups during the past year. These engagements have inspired other groups to sponsor public meetings and enabled the making of new contacts that will record an expanding program of public education which can be assured by persistency in follow-up work.

Your committee deploras the lack of interest and coöperation on the part of county society members in this program of public education. Lack of interest is also manifested by many local health officers. Except for three or four exceptions, county societies and health officers are wholly disinterested. This lack of interest and seeming unwillingness on the part of members to prepare talks on health questions